(c) Generally the patients are not treated as handicapped.

(d) Majority of patients with epilepsy have their attacks controlled with drugs and are able to lead reasonably normal life.

Steps to Prevent Polio Among Children

7745. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the invisible polio virus strikes more than 40,000 children in India which is 50 per cent of the polio cases in the World;

(b) whether Government would intensify the Naitonal Polio Eradication Programme by vaccinating every child below three years of age in a time-bound manner; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps that Government propose to take to check the crippling and debilitating rampant disease among the children by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) According to available information 7898 cases of Poliomyelitis were reported globally in 1993. 4077 cases were reported from India. Under the Universal Immunization Programme started in 1985-86 intensive efforts for eradication of poliomyelitis have been undertaken through sustaining high levels of coverage of immunization. The number of reported cases of polio has declined from 28264 in 1987 to 4077 in 1993.

Poor Medical Scrivces in Jammu and Kashmir

7746. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whetter it is a fact that the number of psychiatric patients has alarmingly increased in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that medical facilities are totally inadequate in that state;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the sheduled drugs are marketed without prescription; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to covercome such situations?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No such information is available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such complaints are received.

(d) Does not arise.

खाने वाली गर्भ-निरोधक गोलियों और लूपों की कमी

7747. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या देश में खाने वाली गर्भ-निरोधक गोलियों और लूपों की कमी है जिसके कारण देश में "परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम" पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या-क्या निवारक कदम उठाए हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवाण कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी॰ शंकरानन्द): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

औषधियों का आयात/उत्पादन

7748. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) भारत में किन-किन देशों से औषधियों का आयात किया जा रहा है;

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान देश में कितने मूल्य की विदेशी औषधियों का आयात किया गया है; और